

**MINUTES OF HAMILTON COUNTY COUNCIL, OCTOBER 3, 2007  
GENERALIZED SUMMARY**

6:30 p.m. The Hamilton County Council met in executive session pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-6.1-(b)(2)(B) Initiation of litigation or litigation that is either pending or has been threatened specifically in writing. Councilors present included Brad Beaver, Jim Belden, Meredith Carter, John Hiatt, Judy Levine and Steve Schwartz, Hamilton County Counsel Mike Howard and Auditor Robin Mills. Executive Session was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

7:17:27 President Beaver called to order the regular meeting of the Hamilton County Council, those in attendance were Councilors, Judy Levine, Meredith Carter, Steve Schwartz, John Hiatt, Jim Belden and Brad Beaver. Sheriff Doug Carter, Auditor Robin Mills, and Chief Deputy Auditor, Dawn Coverdale. Councilor McKinney was not in attendance. A quorum was declared by Auditor, Robin Mills.

Councilor Beaver thanked Mr. Bill Brooks and Mr. Matt Gonso of the Indianapolis Colts for arranging to have the 2006 Super Bowl "Lombardi" trophy on display in the Judicial Center this evening.

Councilor Levine gave the invocation and led the pledge of allegiance.

7:20:14 Councilor Hiatt moved to approve minutes of September 5, 2007, September 17, 2007 and Executive Session memorandum of October 3, 2007. Councilor Schwartz seconded motion. Motion carried 5-0-1 Councilor Levine abstained.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**COMMITTEE / OFFICER REPORT 7:20:57**

President Councilor Beaver

- Attended opening of 146<sup>th</sup> Street East on Monday, October 1, 2007. Commuters can now travel from S.R. 37 to I-69 on 146<sup>th</sup> Street.

Vice President

- No report

Highway Councilor Levine

- Committee did meet, discussed items in budget that was passed and future plans for projects they hope to be adding.

Finance Councilor Carter

- No meeting

Personnel Councilor Belden

- Meeting was held, items will be on this evenings agenda

**MISCELLANEOUS 7:22:03**

Councilor Carter

- Provided documents from meeting he attended at AIC Annual conference regarding Tax Control Board.

Councilor Schwartz

- Visited Noblesville Township Assessors new office, they are now located at corner of Lakeview and Logan Streets.
- Announced the date for the River Walk ground breaking ceremony will be announced next month.

Councilor Levine

- Association of Indiana Counties is in conference. John Hiatt and Meredith Carter are attending. They attended meeting with other Councilors from around the state and discussed issues pertaining to new property tax rules. The AIC legislative agenda will be mailed soon.

**COMMISSIONER UPDATE**

**UNFINISHED/TABLED BUSINESS**

**NEW BUSINESS 7:24:50**

Mr. Will Wright, Chairman of Hamilton County Higher Education Initiative

- Recently completed strategic plan and will provide copies to the Council after the plan has been edited.
- A Learning Center is now located in Carmel which filled up classes very quickly and is run by Ivy Tech and IUPUI. New programs are being added that will overflow the unit this coming year.
- Ball State and Purdue have probed Hamilton County.
- Purpose of the Higher Education Initiative is to guide the formation of a very unique approach to Higher Education with the basic idea is to create a geographical area that will house the growth of education for next 20 years.
- Funding thus far has been provided by Hamilton County Alliance.
- Massive fund raising campaign going on now. Will need approximately \$1,600,000 in development and study grants over the next 18 months. Money will be spent on architectural studies, designing buildings compatible for more than one University, common facilities that can be used by more than one college, electronics and technology.
- Capacity of this new entity will be somewhere in range of 45,000 students which will have a big impact on traffic therefore, traffic, traffic study and infrastructure study is an imperative part of the process.
- Mr. Wright introduced Senior Advisors to Group: John Murphy, Jack O'Conner and Mike Holland who are in attendance.
- Requesting grant from county in 2007 and 2008 in the amount of \$100,000 each year. Have also requested money from Carmel, Noblesville, Fishers and Westfield in the amount of \$75,000 each over the next two years. Also going through process of raising money through educational foundations that are focused and very specific.

7:42:16 Councilor Levine moved to introduce Ordinance 10-03-07-A "An Ordinance Prohibiting the Capital Projects Board from Reviewing, Revising, and Reducing the Budget, Tax Rate, and Tax Levy of each Political Subdivision Located in Hamilton County, Indiana, for first reading. Councilor Hiatt seconded motion. Roll call vote: JL-Y, MC-Y, SS-Y, JH-Y, JB-Y, BB-Y Motion carried 6-0.

7:46:08 Councilor Carter moved to approve vendor claims. Councilor Belden seconded motion. Motion carried 6-0.

7:46:24 Councilor Hiatt moved to approve Auditor 2008 144 amendment to 003.000.1021, Lead AP/Grant/Fixed Asset Deputy as COMOT F at \$41,600. Councilor Belden seconded motion. Motion carried 6-0.

7:46:58 Councilor Hiatt moved to approve Commissioners additional appropriation request of \$16,500 in 011.000.2001 office supplies. Councilor Belden seconded motion. Motion carried 6-0.

7:47:27 Councilor Belden moved to approve Court Administration additional appropriation request of \$10,000 in 018.000.3713 Interpretation Fees-Spanish. Councilor Carter seconded motion. Motion carried 6-0.

7:48:19 Councilor McKinney arrived.

7:48:30 Councilor Carter moved to approve Court Administration 2007 144 amendment adding new position 018.000.1011 Magistrate Court Reporter as COMOT E at \$29,079. Councilor Levine seconded motion. Motion carried 7-0.

7:49:20 Councilor Belden moved to approve Court Administration transfer of \$5,592 from 018.000.1008 FT Commissioner to 018.000.1011 Court Reporter Magistrate. Councilor Levine seconded motion. Motion carried 7-0.

7:49:32 Councilor Carter moved to approve Superior Court 5 transfer of \$1,500 from Psych & Psychiatric 043.000.3703 to Food & Lodging 043.000.2005. Councilor Schwartz seconded motion. Motion carried 7-0.

7:50:04 Councilor Belden moved to approve Jail 2007 144 amendment to 027.000.1067 Benson, Correction Officer, Sergeant as POLE C at \$35,596. Councilor Carter seconded motion. Motion carried 7-0.

7:50:28 Councilor Hiatt moved to approve Jail transfer of \$600 from 027.000.1039 CO, Corbin to 027.000.1067 Co, Benson. Councilor Belden seconded motion. Motion carried 7-0.

7:50:43 Councilor Belden moved to approve Jail 2008 144 amendment to 027.000.1067 Benson, Correction Officer, Sergeant as POLE C at \$38,029 and 027.000.1087 New

Position Records Clerk/Support Services as COMOT B at \$24,601 and 027.000.1088 Deputy Clerk/Medical Records as COMOT D at \$27,493. Councilor Levine seconded motion. Motion carried 7-0.

7:51:00 Councilor Schwartz moved to approve Planning transfer of \$700 from 030.000.3603 Seminars & Training to 030.000.2010 Gas, Oil & Lubricants. Councilor Hiatt seconded motion. Motion carried 7-0.

7:51:25 Councilor Carter moved to approve Superior 6 2007 144 amendment to 046.000.1003 Court Reporter as COMOT E at \$29,079 and 046.000.1004 Receptionist as COMOT B at \$35,137 and transfer of \$992 from 046.000.1003 Court Reporter to 046.000.1004 Receptionist. Councilor Levine seconded motion. Motion carried 7-0.

7:52:13 Councilor Carter moved to approve Superior 6 2008 144 amendment to 046.000.1003 Court Reporter as COMOT E at 30,242 and 046.000.1004 Receptionist as COMOT B at \$36,250. Councilor Levine seconded motion. Motion carried 7-0.

7:52:30 Councilor Hiatt moved to approve Probation transfer of \$9,000 from 047.000.1017 McNeely and \$13,000 from 047.000.1035 King to 047.000.1407 overtime. Councilor Levine seconded motion. Motion carried 7-0.

7:53:07 Councilor Belden moved to approve Veteran's additional appropriation request of \$30,000 in 049.000.3808 Veteran's Burial. Councilor Schwartz seconded motion. Motion carried 7-0.

7:53:15 Councilor Belden moved to approve Adams Township Assessor 2007 144 Amendment to 061.000.1313 PT Deputy Assessor as PT COMOT D at \$14.50. Councilor Schwartz seconded motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Councilor Belden resolved to approve Adams Township Assessor Additional appropriation request of \$500 in 061.000.1409 Extra Salary – Level II Certification. Councilor Schwartz seconded motion. Motion carried 7-0.

7:55:37 Councilor Belden moved to approve Parks additional appropriation request of \$60,000 in 106.000.000.3713 Contractual Services and \$144,235 in 106.000.000.4010 White River Campground. Councilor Levine seconded motion. Motion carried 7-0.

7:56:29 Councilor Belden moved to approve Park 2007 144 amendment to T Sells, Receptionist as COMOT B at \$24,601. Councilor Carter seconded motion. Motion carried 7-0.

7:57:09 Councilor Carter moved to approve Community Corrections Intermittent Incarceration additional appropriation request of \$500 in 277.000.000.3896 Refunds. Councilor Levine seconded motion. Motion carried 7-0.

7:58:25 Councilor Hiatt moved to approve UASI 2008 144 amendment creating New Position, UASI Coordinator/Strategist as PAT C at \$42,313. Councilor Carter seconded motion. Motion carried 7-0.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS / COMMENTS** None

**ATTORNEY COMMENTS** None

**SHERIFF COMMENTS** None

**AUDITOR'S COMMENTS** 8:02:19

- Councilor Hiatt moved to approve Prosecutor 2008 144 amendment to 031.000.1000 as EO at \$5,000. Councilor McKinney seconded motion. Motion carried 7-0.
- Councilor Schwartz moved to approve Weights & Measures transfer of \$1,500 from 053.000.1300 Part time to 053.000.3603 Seminars & Training. Councilor McKinney seconded motion. Motion carried 7-0.

8:03:59 Councilor Levine asked for consideration of establishing a 457 Plan for County Employees, Councilor Beaver suggested this request be passed along to Insurance committee.

8:05:00 Councilor Levine also stated:

- Blue Ribbon Commission and Senator Kenley's Committee will be providing a report in December on property tax dilemma and are looking for thoughts/ suggestions and taking testimony.

- Road funding is going to get worse, suggested Councilors and Commissioners send notice to legislators urging that Major Moves money be shared with County's.

8:05:56 Councilor Beaver stated:

- Additional appropriation request from Highway need to be forwarded to Mike Reuter for review.

8:06:52 Councilor Levine reminded Councilors of Lunch & Learn that will be held October 24, 2007 from 11:30 – 1:00 p.m. RSVP to Connie by October 17<sup>th</sup>.

8:08:03 Councilor Schwartz commended ISS staff for their work over the weekend installing new phone system.

Meeting adjourned at 8:08:56 p.m.

**Those present:**

Tonia Lopez, Indy Star  
Will Wright, HCHEI  
Michael Holland, HCHEI  
Mark Bowen, HCSD  
Ed Zelick, Property Owner  
Sheena Randall, Human Resources  
BJ Casali, ISSD

Madonna Wagoner, Probation  
Jack O'Conner, HCHEI  
John Murphy, HCHEI  
Robert P. Brady, Property Owner  
Linda Williams, Adams Twp.  
Cathy Hightower, Court Administration

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President

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Auditor